

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 58(61)

1766 (reset 1902)

Blackrock, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 58(61) is an original monument of 1766 at its original site, marking Mason and Dixon's 58th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, this milestone was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, cut to stand as a post about 3' above ground, with a rough-cut base of about 1' or more for securing below ground, and measuring about 12" square with a low pyramidal top. It is embellished with vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, with fluted top planes rising about 2" to a centered apex. The distinguishing features are the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel close to the top. Reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey to stand about 1 1/2' above ground, this milestone is now about 1' high, is slightly less than 12" square, is in very good condition, unaltered, firmly set and well protected. On the federal and state levels, it is significant primarily as one of a series of 135 original monuments still standing along the West Line, the boundary commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 18 original monuments marking the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 58th Mile Stone

## AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 58 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 61)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER off southwest side of Glenville Road (PA LR-66076)

## CITY, TOWN

Blackrock

☒ VICINITY OF

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 19

## STATE

Pennsylvania

## COUNTY

MD: Carroll / PA: York

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Carroll County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CARR-294 entered 1/80

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Milestone No. 58(61) marks Mason and Dixon's 58th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original monument, set in 1766, reset at its original site in 1902, is in very good condition, unaltered, and now stands about 12" above ground, <sup>firmly in place,</sup> protected by the site and surrounding property owners.

The area here is rural, gently rolling, sparsely settled with occasional farms interspersed with deciduous woodlands. The site is located within Election District 6 of Carroll County and appears to mark the south corner between Manheim and West Manheim Townships in York County, Pennsylvania. It is about 1 mile west southwest of the settlement of Blackrock, PA; about 2 miles east <sup>the scattered settlement of</sup> of West Manheim; about 2 miles west of the village of Lineboro, MD-PA; at a point about 2500' southwest of the Glenville Road (LR-66076) at the Amspacher farm lane entrance; about 1200' southwest of their farmhouse, at the southwest edge of an unfenced <sup>rectangular</sup> cultivated field, <sup>bounded on three sides by woods and is</sup> about 15' into the woods, just short of an old wagon road/woods trail. It is inconspicuous, protected <sup>the site and</sup> by a nearby large tree, as well as the property owners.

As with all original Mason and Dixon monuments along the West Line, this stone was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, cut to stand as a post about 3' above ground and about 12" rough-cut for securing below ground, measuring about 12" square with a low pyramidal top, embellished with fluting and <sup>fluted</sup> margins on all four sides, with <sup>fluted</sup> top planes rising to a centered apex. The distinguishing features are the Roman capital letters P facing the north (Pennsylvania) side and M facing the south (Maryland) side, each v-sunk into a shallow plain circle panel. At the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey, this milestone was reset in its original site to stand about 12" above ground, and now stands about 12" high and somewhat less wide (11 1/4" on the north and south sides; 11 1/4" on the east and west sides). Most embellishments remain and are clear and intact, although there are minor chips at all top corners, nicks along the edges, <sup>with some weathering of the top and</sup> a small pit in the apex.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES    1766 (reset 1902)    BUILDERS/ARCHITECT Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Milestone No. 58(61) is significant on the federal and state levels primarily as one of the series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and the milestone set the following year, where <sup>in very good condition</sup> it remains/unaltered to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 16 original monuments marking the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 13 milestones), No. 58(61) is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Manchester (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series  
(topographic), scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 33770, northing 439821

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker  
surveyor)

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey DATE 4/18/80 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER 14308 Mount Avenue TELEPHONE 301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN Phoenix STATE Maryland 21131

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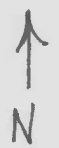
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5663 IV SE  
(SEVEN VALLEYS)

MANCHESTER QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1953 PHOTO REVISED 1971

1:830 000 FEET (MD.) SCALE: 1" = 2000' 339 76°52'30" 39°45'



690 000 FEET  
(MD.)

HOKES 2.1 MI.  
GLENVILLE 4.3 MI.

4397  
42°30"

4396



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 58 (61)  
SOUTH (N) & EAST FACES

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 4/18/80 (1980.16.31)



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 58 (61)  
NORTH (P) & WEST FACES

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